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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

- Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.
- A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the fee for a one-month Petition for Extension of Time.
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INDEP.	4	5		x \$42	\$	x \$84	
1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x \$140	\$	x \$280	
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 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 27, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, the time of response being extended 1-month to (March 27, 2002) by the accompanying petition and fee, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

44. (Amended) A cartridge type soldering iron assembly, comprising:

a sleeve having a proximal end and a distal end, the proximal end adapted to couple to a connector and the distal end adapted to couple to a tip; and

a handle having an opening along the centerline of the handle adapted to receive the sleeve and associate with the sleeve at a predetermined position between the proximal and distal ends of the sleeve along a longitudinal axis of the sleeve.